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Application No. 10/045544-Conf #2463		Filing Date October 26, 2001		Examiner J. W. Woo	
Art Unit 3731					
Applicant(s) Steve A. Herweck <i>et al</i>					
Invention: BODY FLUID CARTRIDGE EXCHANGE PLATFORM DEVICE					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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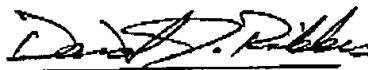
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of all rejected claims is hereby requested.